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TITLE: ELECTRODE PROTECTION DEVICE, SPOT-WELDING TOOL AND  
RESISTANCE WELDING METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 21, 2008, and in advance of continued examination of the above-identified patent application, with the time for response being extended by one (1) month from May 21, 2008 to June 21, 2008, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.